NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CITY OF LODI, CALIFORNIA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Officer, Lodi Finance Department, 310 West Elm Street, P.O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910, until **11 a. m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.** At that time, the proposals will be publicly opened and read in the Public Works Conference Room, Lodi City Hall, 221 W. Pine Street, for performing the following described work.

The work consists of maintaining approximately 256 landscaped areas throughout the City of Lodi. The areas are separated into five (5) Groups (A through E) that consist of City Facilities and the Consolidated Landscape Maintenance Assessment District zones. The areas total approximately 1.9 million square feet.

The length of the contract will be twelve (12) months, starting July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. The contract may be extended annually with the same prices and terms if mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and City.

Per Senate Bill 854, contractors and listed subcontractors must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) prior to submitting bids to any public work contracts. Failure to comply will make bids non-responsive. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with DIR pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the Director of Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general prevailing rates of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel time, and subsistence pay as provided for in Section 1773.8, apprenticeship or other training programs authorized by Section 3093 and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. Said wages are available online at www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD. The Contractor and any subcontractor shall pay each employee engaged in the trade or occupation not less than the hourly wage rate. As the wage determination for each craft reflects an expiration date, it shall be the responsibility of the prime contractor and each subcontractor to ensure that the prevailing wage rates of concern are current and paid to the employee.

The Contractor shall make travel and subsistence payments to each worker needed to execute the work as such travel and subsistence payments are defined in the applicable collective bargaining agreements in accordance with Section 1773.8 of the Labor Code.

If a craft or classification used on the project is not shown on the wage determination, the Contractor may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft or classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The City of Lodi hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

For any moneys earned by the Contractor and withheld by the City of Lodi to ensure the performance of the contract, the Contractor may, at Contractor's request and expense, substitute securities equivalent to the amount withheld in the form and manner and subject to the conditions provided in Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California.

The Contractor shall submit copies of payroll records.

The contract documents are available to download for free at www.ciplist.com. Registration with the website is free and is required to download the documents. Companies downloading the documents will automatically be added to the plan holder's list.

No bid will be considered unless it is submitted on a proposal form furnished by the City of Lodi within the full set of contract documents.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the completion of such forms, and to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

The prime contractor on this project shall possess a valid **State of California Class C-27** contractor's license and a valid State of California PCO or QAL license for landscape maintenance, Category B.

The list of plan holders and the bid results will be available on the ciplist.com website. Bid results will be available four hours after the bid opening.

By Order of the City Council

JENNIFER M. FERRAIOLO City Clerk